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Helping Homeowners by Cleaning up the Mortgage Servicing Industry

Foreclosures drag down housing prices and are responsible for the slow housing market recovery. Following a meeting in Columbus with the Columbus Housing Partnership and Ohio homeowners, Sen. Brown called on Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Comptroller of the Currency Thomas Curry to ensure that adequate relief is provided to all homeowners who suffered abuses in the foreclosure process, particularly low-income and minority homeowners who may not have filed a claim in the initial Internal Foreclosure Review process.



Sen. Brown speaks with the Columbus Housing Partnership and Ohio homeowners, works to help homeowners who suffered abuses in the foreclosure process.

In January, federal regulators and 10 lenders reached an agreement to address the large number of unlawful foreclosures that occurred when banks used illegal practices—such as “robo-signing”—to initiate foreclosure proceedings or failed to offer

mortgage modifications or other measures that could keep Americans in their homes. The deal requires banks to pay \$8.5 billion to homeowners hurt by the mortgage crisis.

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Sen. Brown hears from community leaders in Delaware County

Meeting with Community Stakeholders in Delaware County

Open conversations with local leaders are an opportunity for Sen. Brown to bring commonsense, Ohio-grown ideas to Washington. In January, Sen. Brown met with community leaders in Delaware County for a roundtable discussion on economic development, education, and infrastructure investments. This roundtable was the first in a series of county roundtables

Sen. Brown will convene across Ohio during his second term in the Senate. In Sen. Brown's first term, he held more than 200 community roundtable meetings, including at least one session in each of Ohio's 88 counties. On issue after issue, roundtables have helped Sen. Brown craft legislation with real results for hardworking Ohio families.

Working with Central Ohio's Faith-based Leaders

Faith-based organizations are indispensable to our nation's social fabric, ensuring a broad range of support services to thousands of individuals and families across Ohio. In February, Sen. Brown spoke with Central Ohio faith-based leaders during a meeting in Washington. In addition to outlining opportunities for government and faith organizations to utilize federal resources to confront challenges facing Ohioans, Sen. Brown discussed efforts to create jobs and boost economic development. Meetings like these are important to ensure that community leaders have the resources they need to confront the many challenges facing Ohioans.

Standing Up for Rickenbacker ANGB

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base (ANGB) is critical to our nation's security and Central Ohio's economy. During a meeting with then secretary of defense nominee, former Senator Chuck Hagel, Sen. Brown pressed for a new mission at ANGB. Early in February, the Air Force announced that Rickenbacker ANGB is one of five Air National Guard bases selected as a finalist for the eventual receipt of 12 of the new KC-46A refueling aircraft set to replace the KC-135. The men



Sen. Brown urges U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to support a new mission at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

and women at Rickenbacker have the experience and the skills to take on this mission. Sen. Brown will continue working to ensure that Rickenbacker remains a critical hub in our nation's security.

Fighting to Keep Wrestling in the Olympics

Wrestling is more than just a sport—it teaches strength and discipline, both on the mat and in life. Unlike so many other Olympic sports, all an athlete needs to bring to the sport is some sweats, a singlet, and a large reservoir of resolve. One month after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to eliminate wrestling from the Olympic Games, Sen. Brown joined former Olympians and future Olympic hopefuls at the Ohio Regional Training Center in Columbus to urge the IOC to keep wrestling in the Olympics. The U.S. Olympic wrestling teams are our nation's third-most successful Summer Games sport, amassing more than 120 medals.



Sen. Brown joined former Olympic wrestlers and future Olympic hopefuls at the Ohio Regional Training Center in Columbus to speak out against eliminating wrestling from the Olympics.

Calling for the Creation of a National Network for Manufacturing Innovation

American workers have the drive, the creative thinking, and the determination to out-innovate the rest of the world. Sen. Brown is working to ensure that they have the opportunity to do so.



Sen. Brown visits the nation's first advanced manufacturing hub located in Youngstown, calls for the creation of a proposed National Network of Manufacturing Innovation.

Sen. Brown is drafting legislation to create a National Network of Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI), which would establish 15 hubs of manufacturing innovation so that the United States can out-innovate the rest of the world while creating thousands of high-paying, high-tech manufacturing jobs. The proposal is designed to bring together industry, universities and community colleges, federal agencies and all levels of government to accelerate manufacturing innovation. It would establish public-private institutes to leverage investments in industrially-relevant manufacturing technologies. The institutes would

focus on investments with broad applications to bridge the gap between basic research and product development, provide shared assets to help companies – particularly small and medium-size manufacturing enterprises – access cutting-edge capabilities and equipment, and create

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an unparalleled environment to educate and train students and workers in advanced manufacturing skills.

The NNMI is modeled on the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute (NAMII) in Youngstown. Sen. Brown led the charge for this first advanced manufacturing hub to be located in Ohio. His efforts helped procure \$30 million in federal funding for the new hub in Youngstown, which will be matched by \$40 million in private funds.

In March, Sen. Brown toured NAMII and called for the creation of a National Network of Manufacturing Innovation. Later in the month, Sens. Brown and Blunt successfully included an amendment to support the creation of a National Network of Manufacturing Innovation in the Senate-passed budget resolution.

Sen. Brown will continue to work to establish the infrastructure necessary to attract new investment in high-tech manufacturing and create thousands of high-paying jobs.

Sen. Brown's Office is Here to Serve You

Sen. Brown is committed to assisting Ohioans who have encountered difficulties with federal matters. Ohioans can call Sen. Brown's state offices and work directly with a constituent services representative to obtain information or resolve an issue they are having with a federal agency. Common areas of inquiry include: Social Security and Medicare benefits, veterans' benefits, military service issues, passport or visa problems, housing matters, IRS issues, and more.

A Central Ohio veteran was referred to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for treatment of a torn retina. The veteran sent the bills for the service to the VA, but the VA refused to pay. Sen. Brown's office contacted the Director of the Veterans Integrated Health System in Ohio and asked for reconsideration. In less than a month, the constituent was told that the bills would be paid.

Another Central Ohio constituent contacted Sen. Brown's office about his pending disability claim. He



Sen. Brown listens to an Ohio veteran

sought assistance from Sen. Brown's office in obtaining a status update for his claim. Sen. Brown's office submitted an inquiry to the Social Security Administration and was recently informed that the constituent's claim was awarded retroactive to the onset date of his disability.

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